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CHAPTER I.-Lieut, Harry Mallory ordered to the Philippines. He and Mar jorie Newton decide to elope, but wrech of taxicab prevents their seeing minister the way to the train.

CHAPTER II.-Transcontinental train is taking on passengers. Porter has a lively time with an Englishman and Ira Lathrop, a Yankee business man.

CHAPTER III.-The elopers have a exciting time getting to the train

CHAPTER IV.-"Little Jimmie" Wel lington, bound for Reno to get a divorce boards train in maudlin condition. Later Mrs. Jimmie appears.

CHAPTER V.-She is also bound for Reno with same object. Likewise Mr.

CHAPTER VI.-Latter blames Mrs. Jimmie for her marital troubles. Classmates of Mallory decorate bridal berth. CHAPTER VII.-Rev. and Mrs. Temple start on a vacation. They decide to cut loose and Temple removes evidence of his

CHAPTER VIII.-Marjorie decides let Mallory proceed alone, but train starts while they are lost in farewell.

CHAPTER IX.-Passengers join Mal lory's classmates in giving couple wedding hazing.

CHAPTER X.-Marjorle is distracted CHAPTER XI.-Ira Lathrop, woman

hating bachelor, discovers an old sweet heart, Anne Gattle, a fellow passenger. CHAPTER XII.-Mallory vainly hunts for a preacher among the passengers.

CHAPTER XIII.-Mrs. Wellington hears Little Jimmie's voice. Later sh meets Mrs. Whitcomb.

CHAPTER XIV.-Mallory reports t Marjorie his failure to find a preacher. CHAPTER XV.-They decide to pretend quarrel and Mallory finds a vacan

CHAPTER XVI.-Mrs. Jimmle discov ers Wellington on the train.

CHAPTER XVII.-Mallory again makean unsuccessful hunt for a preacher.

CHAPTER XVIII.-Dr. Temple poses as a physician. Mrs. Temple is induced by Mrs. Wellington to smoke a cigar.

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aroused by Mallory's baseball jargon. CHAPTER XXV.-Marjorie suggests

wrecking the train in hopes that acciden will produce a preacher. CHAPTER XXVI.-Marjorie tries to

duce the conductor to hold the train she can shop. CHAPTER XXVII.-Marjorie's dog missing. She pulls the cord, stopping

the train. Conductor restores dog and CHAPTER XXVIII.-Lathrop wires fo a preacher to marry him and Miss Ga

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CHAPTER XXIX.-Kitty Lewellyn, fo

ment and arranges to borrow th

ner sweetheart of Mallory's, appears at arouses Marjorie's jealousy.

CHAPTER XXX.

A Wedding on Wheels. The commotion of the matrimony

mad women brought the men troop ing in from the smoking room and there was much circumstance of dec orating the scene with white satin you?" ribbons, a trifle crumpled and dim of luster. Mrs. Whitcomb waved then at Mallory with a laugh:

"Recognize these?"

He nodded dismally. His own fu neral baked meats were coldly furnishing forth a wedding breakfast for Ira Lathrop. Mrs. Wellington was moving about distributing kazoos and Mrs. Temple had an armload of old shoes, some of which had thumped Mallory on an occasion which seemed so ancient as to be almost

prehistoric. Fosdick was howling to the porter to get some rice, quick! . "How many portions does you ap

proximate?"

munition.

"All you've got." "Boiled or fried?" "Any old way." The porter ran forward to the dining-car for the and

Mrs. Temple whispered to her hus Any impudent Walter." But he cautioned silence

"Hush! I'm on my vacation." The train was already coming into Ogden. Noises were multiplying an from the increase of passing objects the speed seemed to be taking on

withered orange branches, when Ash-

"What tune shall we play?" "I prefer the Mendelssohn Wedding

"I've always used the Lohengrin."

in here," he apologized. "Just wait!" she said. ominously,

"We'll play 'em both," said Dr. Temand stalked in like a young Zenobia. le, to make peace.

Mrs. Fosdick murmured to her pouse: "The old Justice of the Peace lidn't give us any music at all," and received in reward one of his most luscious-eyed looks, and a whisper:

But he gave us each other." "Now and then," she pouted. "But where are the bride and

groom?" "Here they come-all ready," cried you to say it." Ashton, and he beat time while some of the guests kazooed at Mendelssohn's and some Wagner's bridal mel- marry me-for your own sake." odies, and others just made a noise.

Ira Lathrop and Anne Gattle, looking very sheepish, crowded through the narrow corridor and stood shamefacedly blushing like two school children about to sing a duet.

The train joited to a dead stop. The conductor called into the car: "Ogden! All out for Ogden!" and everybody stood watching and waiting. ira, seeing Mallory, edged close and whispered: "Stand by to catch the

minister on the rebound." But Malfory turned away. What use had he now for ministers? His plans were shattered ruins,

The porter came flying in with two large bowls of rice, and shouting, "Here comes the 'possum-er-pos-Seeing Marjorie, he said: "Shall I perambulate Mista Snoozle-

She handed the porter her only forgive me, then why do you marry friend and he hurried out, as a lean me?" and professionally sad ascetic hurried in. He did not recognize bis boyish enemy in the gray-haired, red- tance to introduce me to a girl you faced giant that greeted him, but he used to spoon with. And I don't like knew that voice and its gloating her. She's awful!"

"Hello, Charlie."

He had always found that when Ira "Oh, you admit it!" grinned and was cordial, some trouble was in store for him. He wondered what rock Ira held behind his back now, but he forced an uneasy cordiality: "And is this you, Ira? Well, well! It is yeahs since last we met. And you're just getting married. Is this the first time, Ira?"

"First offense, Charlie." The levity shocked Selby, but a greater shock was in store, for when he inquired: "And who is the-erhappy--bride?" the triumphant Lathrop snickered: "I believe you used to

know her. Anne Gattle." This was the rock behind Ira's back, met you." and Selby took it with a wince: "Not -my old-"

"The same. Anne, you remember, Charlie."

"Oh, yes," said Anne, "How do you your first love for me." do, Charlie?" And she put out a shy hand, which he took with one still shyer. He was so unsettled that he stammered: "Well, well, I had always just this way."

"Better get busy-before the train dizzy." starts. And I'll pay you in advance before you set off the fireworks."

The flippancy pained Rev. Charles, but he was resuscitated by one And one other thing, I want you to glance at the bill that Ira thrust into get that bracelet away from that his palm. If a man's gratitude for creature. Do you promise?" his wife is measured by the size of the fee he hands the enabling parson, Ira was madly in love with Anne. Rev. Charles had a reminiscent sus- Anything to get Marjorie safely into picion that it was probably a counter- his arms: "I promise anything, if felt, but for once he did Ira an in- you'll really marry me." justice.

The minister was in such a flutter really.' from losing his boyhood love, and gaining so much money all at once at the cynic and termagant that room and flung the collar and bib to and from performing the marriage on jealousy had metamorphosed this tima train, that he made numerous er- id, clinging creature into, they heard rors in the ceremony, but nobody no- the conductor's voice at the rear door letter of the occasion, was there and start." the contract was doubtless legal They heard Lathrop's protest

The ritual began with the pleasant by's plea: "Oh, I say, my good man, murmur of the preacher's voice, and wait a moment, can't you?" the passengers crowded round in a The conductor answered with the solemn calm, which was suddenly vio- gruffness of a despot: "Not a minute. lated by a loud yelp of laughter from I've my orders to make up lost time. Wedgewood, who omitted guffaw after All aboard!" guffaw and bent double and opened

out again, like an agitated umbrella. last loose ends of the matrimonial visages of horror, and hissed silence struggling through the crowd to go at him. Ashton seized him, shook at him. Just as they were near, the him, and muttered:

having a spasm of giggles at a fu- door, was the signal for another wedneral, and blurted out the explana- ding riot.

I just saw the point!"

CHAPTER XXXI.

Foiled Yet Again. Mallory had fled from the scene at the first hum of the minister's words. His fate was like alkali on his palate. For twelve hundred miles he had ransacked the world for a minister. When one dropped on the train like manna through the roof, even this miracle had to be checkmated by a perverse miracle that sent to the train an early infatuation, a silly affair that he himself called puppy-love. And now Marjorie would never marry him. He did

not blame her. He blamed fate. He was in solitude in the smoking room. The place reeked with drifting tobacco smoke and the malodor of cigar stubs and cigarette ends. His plans were as useless and odious as cigarette ends. He dropped into a chair, his elbows on his knees and his head in his hands-Napoleon on

And then, suddenly he heard Marjorie's voice. He turned and saw her hesitating in the doorway. He rose ton, with kazoo all ready, called out: to welcome her, but the smile died on his lips at her chilly speech:

"May I have a word with you, sir?" "Of course. The air's rather thick

He put out an appealing hand: "New, Marjorie, listen to reason. Of course I know you won't marry me now." "Oh, you know that, do you?" she said, with a squared jaw.

"But, really, you ought to marry me-not merely because I love youand you're the only girl I ever-" He stopped short and she almost smiled as she taunted him: "Go on-I dare

He swallowed hard and waived the point: "Well, anyway, you ought to

Then she took his breath away by answering: "Oh, I'm going to marry you, never fear."

"You are," he cried, with a rush of returning hope. "Oh, I knew you loved me."

She pushed his encircling arms aside: "I don't love you, and that's why I'm going to marry you." "But I don't understand." "Of course not," she sneered, as if

she were a thousand years old, "you're only a man-and a very young man." "You've ceased to love me," he proitested, "just because of a little affair I had before I met you?" Marjorie answered with world-old

wisdom: "A woman can forgive a man anything except what he did be fore he met her." He stared at her with masculine dismay at feminine logic: "If you can't |

"For revenge!" she cried. "You brought me on this train all this dis-

"Yes, she is awful," Mallory assented. "I don't know how I ever-"

"Well, I'm going to marry younow-this minute-with that preacher, then I'm going to get off at Reno and divorce you." "Divorce me! Good Lord! On what

grounds?" "On the grounds of Miss Kitty-Katty-Liewellington - or whatever her name is."

Mallory was groggy with punishment, and the vain effort to foresee her next blow. "But you can't name a woman that way," he pleaded, "for just being nice to me before I ever | stop."

"That's the worst kind of unfaithfulness," she reiterated. "You should have known that some day you would meet me. You should have saved

"But last love is best," Mallory interposed, weakly.

I know I'm to be your last love? No. hoped to marry you, Anne, but not sir, when I've divorced you, you can door and flung it open, with Mallory go back to your first love and go hot after him. Lathrop cut him short with a sharp: round the world with her till you get

"But I don't want her for a wife," Mallory urged, "I want you." "You'll get me-but not for long.

"How can I get it away?" "Take it away! Do you promise?" Mallory surrendered completely.

And while he stared in helpless awe Mallory returned to the observation

ticed them, and the spirit, if not the of the car: "Hurry up-we've got to "Hold on there, conductor," and Sel-

While the minister was tying the The wedding-guests turned on him knot, Mallory and Marjorle wer were swept aside by the rush of the "What the-what's the matter with bride and groom, for the parson's spronounce you man and wife," pro-The Englishman shook like a boy nounced as he backed toward til

"That story about the bridegroom- ered with rice. This time it was the own. Ira darted out into the corridor. Ashton closed his jaw by brute haling his brand-new wife by the through the next car, and on, and on Nobody remained to notice who

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happened to the parson. Having performed his function, he was without further interest or use. But to Mallory and Marjorie he was vitally

Mallory caught his hand as it turned the knob of the door and drew him back. Marjorie, equally determined, caught his other elbow:

"Please don't go," Mallory urged, "until you've married us." The Reverend Charles stared at his

captors in amazement: "But my dear man, the train's mov-

Marjorie clung all the tighter and invited him to "Come on to the next

"But my dear lady," Selby gasped, "it's impossible." "You've just got to." Mallory in-

"Release me, please."

"Never!"

"How dare you!" the parson shricked, and with a sudden wriggle "Oh, no, it isn't, and if it is, how do | writhed out of his coat, leaving it in Marjorie's hands. He darted to the

> The train was kicking up a cloud of dust and getting its stride. The kidnapped clergyman paused a moment, aghast at the speed with which the ground was being paid out. Then he climbed the brass rail and, with

> a hasty prayer, dropped overboard. Mallory lunged at him, and seized him by his reversed collar. But the collar alone remained in his clutch. The parson was almost lost in the dust he created as he struck, bounded and rolled till he came to a stop, with his stars and his prayers to thank for

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